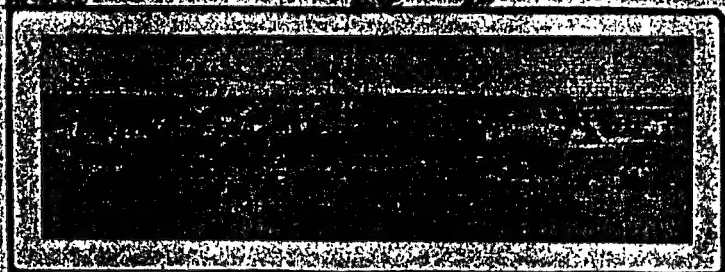


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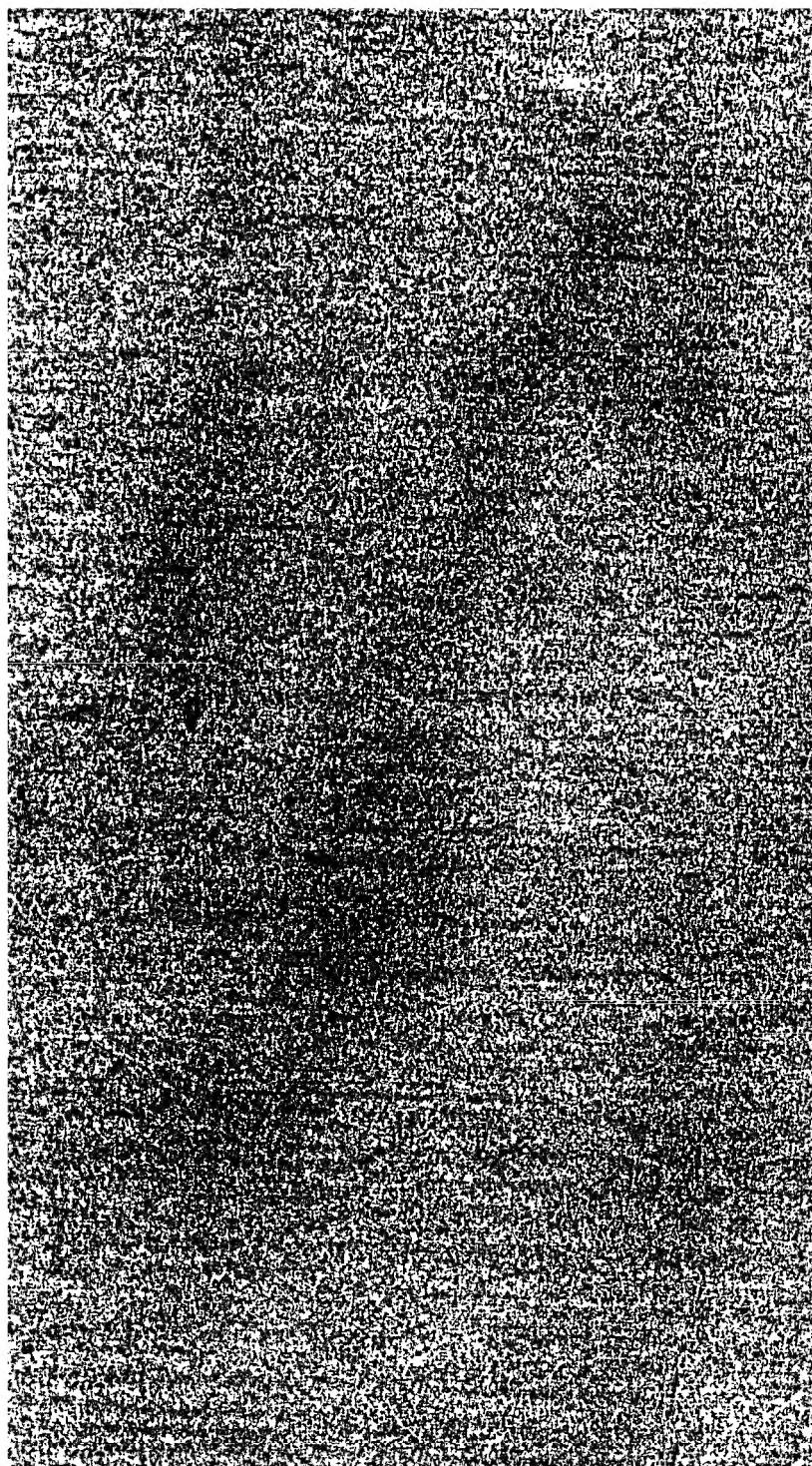
# LLOYDMINSTER

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## LLOYDMINSTER

**I**N presenting you with this pamphlet descriptive of Lloydminster and district, we desire to convey to you some slight idea of what is, without doubt, the very best tract of territory in the West and which was admirably selected as the original settlement of the "Barr Colony."

Four years ago what is now the Town of Lloydminster was nothing but virgin prairie, whereon were pitched the numerous tents of some 1,000 new arrivals from the British Isles; today there is a prosperous, busy town of some 1,200 inhabitants, composed of English, American and Canadian.

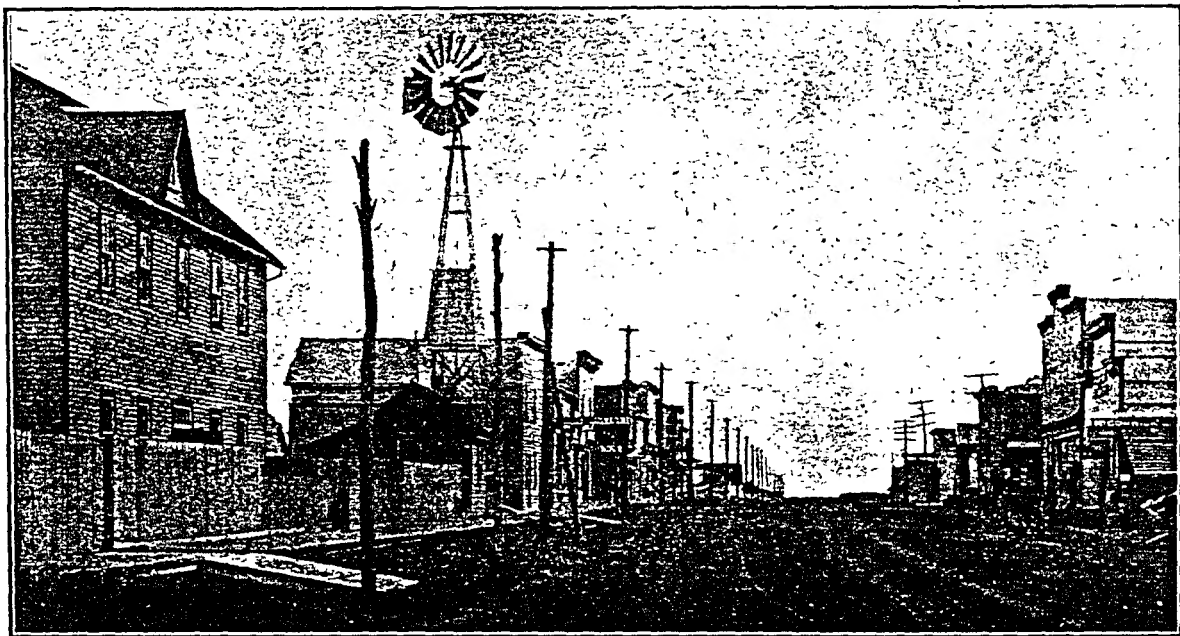
Lloydminster is situated on the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway, 170 miles East of Edmonton, the Capital of Alberta. It is specially well situated as a distributing centre—large numbers of new settlers continually arriving and always finding a home. It is a boast of which we are proud that no one ever goes away dissatisfied after seeing for himself what splendid land we have in the district.

The Town of Lloydminster was incorporated in April, 1907, and already rapid strides are being made in the Municipal government—Local Telephones, Electric Lighting, Town Wells and an up-to-date Sanitary System being some of the work now in hand; while the streets have a good, substantial appearance, all being well graded and paved, with sidewalks.

The buildings in town are some of the best to be seen between Winnipeg and Edmonton, both cement blocks and bricks (the manufacture of which is carried on just outside the town by one of the original settlers) being largely used.



MAIN STREET, LLOYDMINSTER, looking south



BROADWAY ST., LLOYDMINSTER—Looking south

LLOYDMINSTER HAS :—

2 Chartered Banks—

The Canadian Bank of Commerce,

The Northern Crown Bank.

1 \$10,000 school, accommodating 250 children.

3 First class hotels.

3 Restaurants.

5 Large general stores.

2 Hardware stores.

4 Lumber yards.

3 Implement stores.

3 Bakeries.

3 Barber shops.

2 Drug stores.

3 Livery stables.

2 Butcher shops

3 Confectionery stores.

1 Fruit store.

2 Blacksmiths.

1 Jewelry store.

2 Tailors.

2 Laundries.

1 Furniture store.

1 Boot and shoe maker.

1 Harness shop.

1 Wholesale liquor store.

2 Photographers.

1 Newsagent and stationery shop.

1 Auctioneer.

2 Elevators.

1 Grist and chopping mill.

1 Government Immigration Hall.

1 Government land agent.

1 Weekly newspaper.

3 Physicians.

1 Dentist.

1 Veterinary surgeon.

2 Lawyers.

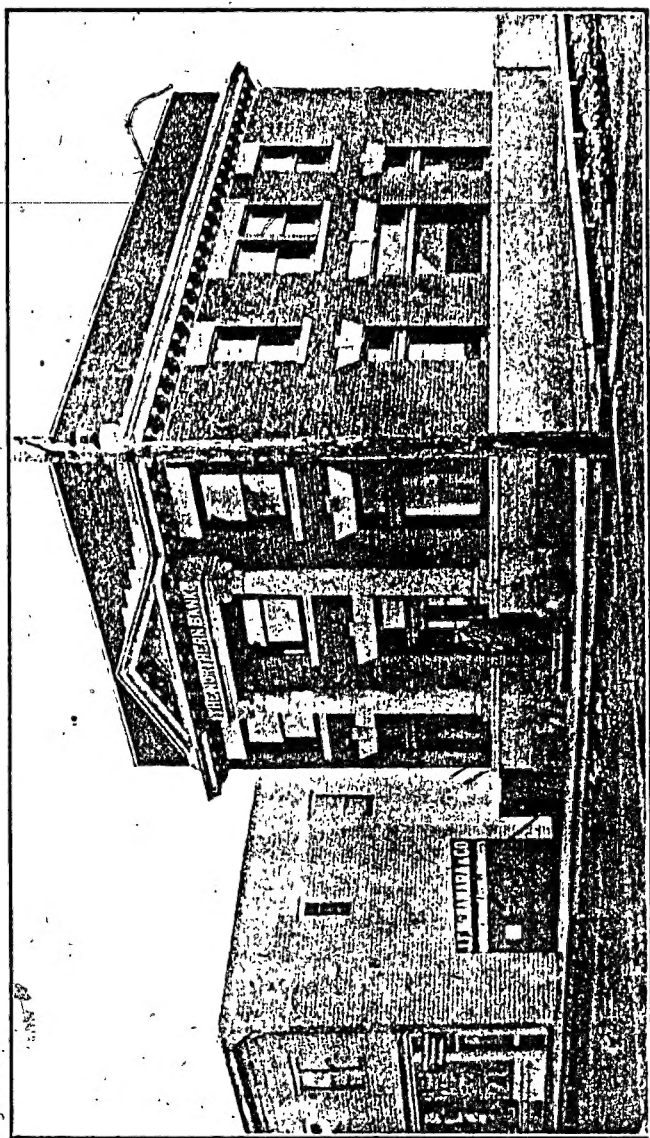
4 Contractors.

1 Billiard hall.

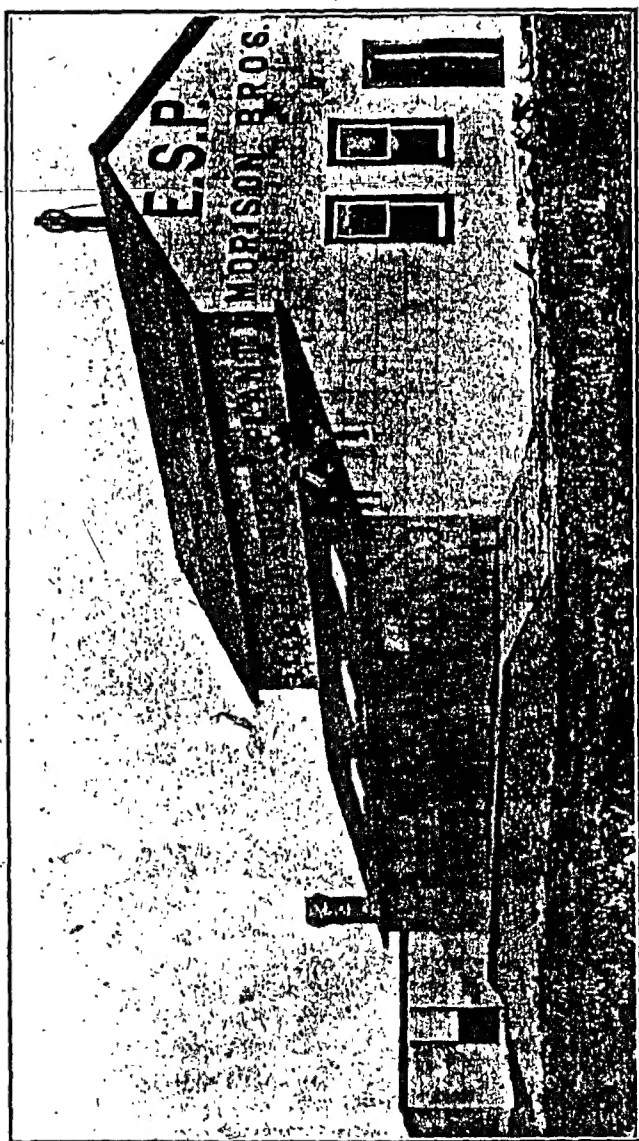
1 Bowling alley.

1 Electric power house.

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THE NORTHERN BANK, LLOYDMINSTER



ELECTRIC LIGHT STATION



**LLOYDMINSTER** now has a long-distance telephone system in connection with Edmonton, which has already proved an immense boon to the business man.

**LLOYDMINSTER** is the nearest important town to the new Grand Trunk Pacific Railway now being constructed 35 miles south, and considerable quantities of supplies are being daily distributed from Lloydminster to the settlers in the vicinity of this line.

**BATTLE RIVER BRIDGE**.—A fine steel traffic bridge has been built over the Battle River at the fourth meridian for the convenience of settlers, and the meridian road from the river to Lloydminster is now a well graded highway, making travelling a luxury instead of a punishment.

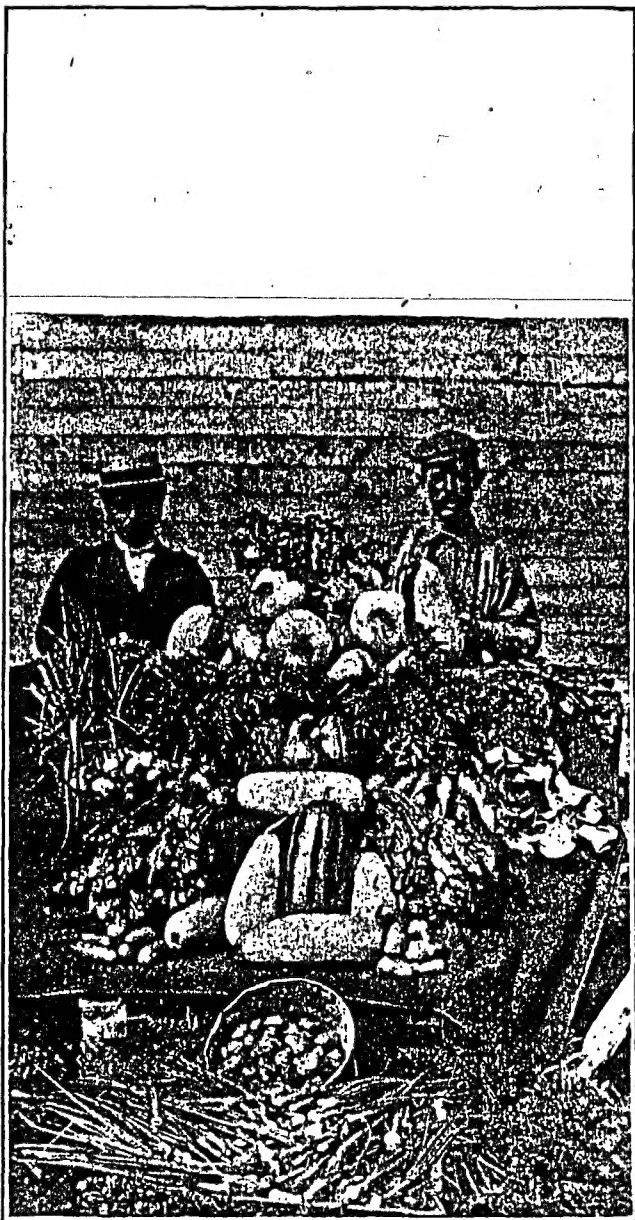
**GENERAL LAY OF LAND**.—The general lay of the land in the district around Lloydminster is gently rolling prairie, very little of which has more than light scrub to be cleared off.

**CLIMATE**.—The climate of the Lloydminster district is exceptionally healthy and the winters are generally clear and bright, the temperature rarely being lower than 20 below zero, and this only during the nights; blizzards are quite unknown.

**SOIL**.—The soil in the Lloydminster district is as good as any to be found in the west. It is a rich black loam, varying from 8 to 18 inches in depth and a clay subsoil.

**GRAIN**.—Wheat, oats and barley yield abundantly. In 1906 Lloydminster district stood second in the competition for standing fields of grain, in the whole of Alberta. (See Government reports.)

**GARDEN PRODUCE**.—Vegetables of all kinds are unequalled anywhere in the west. Potatoes, turnips, carrots, parsnips, beets, cabbage, peas, celery, pumpkins and tomatoes being successfully raised.



Samples of Vegetables grown by MR. C. E. THOMAS, near Lloydminster—1904

**STOCK RAISING.**—Lloydminster district is an ideal mixed farming country, live stock raising being very profitable and proving a most valuable asset to the settler. Sheep thrive exceedingly well and are a decided success.

**DAIRYING.**—There is an abundance of all the rich prairie grasses, pea-vine, etc., and snug incomes are already being made in dairy farming.

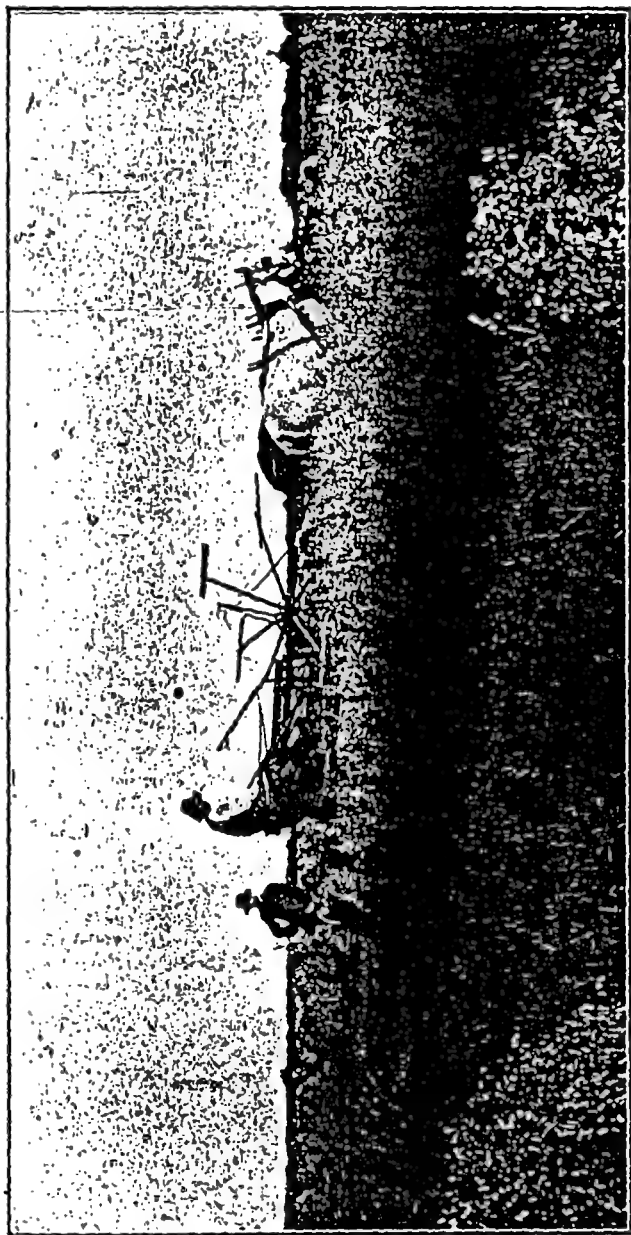
**POULTRY RAISING.**—Turkeys, geese and fowls are being largely raised in the immediate vicinity of the town and there is every prospect that this industry will prove one of the most profitable in the district.

**EDUCATION.**—Lloydminster has a fine \$10,000 brick veneered school building, excellently equipped, and capable of accommodating 250 children. The districts around Lloydminster have also their rural schools, which are well attended.

**RELIGIOUS.**—The Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations have built churches in the town and have their resident ministers, and the Roman Catholics have acquired a site and intend building very shortly.

**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.**—The Free Masons, Canadian Order of Foresters, Independent Order of Foresters and the I.O.G.T. all have their lodges in the town.

**SPORT.**—Lloydminster district has a great attraction for the sportsmen. Wild duck are found in thousands on the lakes and sloughs, and the shooting season is eagerly looked forward to. Prairie chicken are also very plentiful everywhere. Deer, rabbits, and to the north moose are also to be found. During the winter months much sport is to be obtained hunting the coyote, upon which there is a bounty of one dollar each.



Harvesting Oats on SUTTON BROS. FARM—2 1-2 miles from Lloydminster

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PASTIMES.—Football, tennis, baseball, hockey and curling clubs have a large number of devotees, and the Britannia Rifle Association has some "crack shots" amongst its members.

MILITARY.—A Squadron of the Canadian Mounted Rifles has just recently been formed and duly "gazetted," with its headquarters at Lloydminster, and amongst its members already enrolled are a large number of men who have seen active service in South Africa and elsewhere.

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## FACTS

**M**ANY disparaging comments have been directed against the original colonists of this district, most of whom came out here with little capital and with less experience, but the natural resources of the district, coupled with an indomitable pluck and a beneficial intercourse with the more experienced American and Canadian farmers, who have settled around them, have changed the "green colonist" into a successful and prosperous farmer, and if the newcomer will only take the trouble to drive around for a few miles, he will see for himself the marvels that have been accomplished in so short a period of settlement. The fact that over 500 patents for homesteads have been granted to these original settlers is convincing proof that they mean business and are here to make their homes.

The following testimonials speak for themselves:—

September 6, 1907.

SIR,—I think it is very advisable to show the outside public the advantages of coming to and investing in this country, at any rate in this district of which I can speak with experience. My son and I came to this country in 1903 *with no capital whatever*. We worked our way from Saskatoon to here and eventually took up homesteads adjoining. By dint of hard work



Sample of Vegetables grown by Mr. W. G. FOUTE, near Lloydminster—1904

and diligence, we have at last succeeded in building up our homesteads, which, with all the improvements, stock, implements, etc., we would not sell for \$10,000. The first two years being lost to us for want of capital, what we now have, has practically been accomplished in two years.

Our prospects for the future look very bright, the land is of the very best, and this week I shall lift from 700 to 800 bushels of potatoes from less than two acres. My other crops are looking very well and in a few days our harvest will begin, notwithstanding the lateness of the season.

The possibilities of the country cannot be overestimated, as its resources are too numerous to admit of any limit, and for a man of small means and average ability, there is no other country where health, wealth and happiness may be procured better or quicker than in Western Canada.

This is my firm, candid opinion and I am glad to be able to give this humble testimony.

I am, yours sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY W. PHILLIPS.

Lloydminster, Sask., Sept. 25, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—We arrived in this country in April, 1903. Our capital was \$480, but as about \$300 of this was spent at Saskatoon in purchasing oxen, wagon and plow, and we had to live for one year before breaking any land, we were practically without cash after twelve months on the homestead.

We have now five oxen, three cows, eight head of young cattle, eight pigs, besides a lot of poultry. We have also over 60 acres in various crops and have 120 acres fenced. We have good houses on each quarter, and log stables for cattle, also log granary capable of holding 2,000 bushels. We have also most of the implements necessary for a farm, including single disc drill, disc harrow, gang plow, breaking plow, harrows, binder, mower and rake, garden cultivators, etc.



Cattle on the Ranch of Mr. C. HAYES, near Lloydminster



We are certain that this country offers the very best opportunities for men who are not afraid to rough it and put up with a few inconveniences; if he has means and makes good use of same he can soon be in an enviable position.

We shall be pleased to give any information required by intending settlers regarding the possibilities of this district from an agricultural standpoint.

We are, yours faithfully,

(Signed) BODEN BROS.

Lakeside Farm, near Lloydminster,

September 25, 1907.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the possibilities of Lloydminster and its surroundings, I will state my own case.

When I arrived at Saskatoon I had \$500. After buying a team of horses, wagon, harness, etc., and doing my 200 miles to Lloydminster, the balance of the money lasted a very little while as living was then very expensive. I had the misfortune to loose my team, both having died, and then I went to work on the railway construction and earned the price of a team of oxen. I took up land in 1904 with my three sons, with practically nothing to start with, and this is how we stand now:—4 horses, 4 oxen, 4 cows, 2 calves, 40 pigs, 50 chickens, 6 turkeys, etc. besides the usual farm implements and over 100 acres ready for crop next year, when I am looking forward to a little banking account.

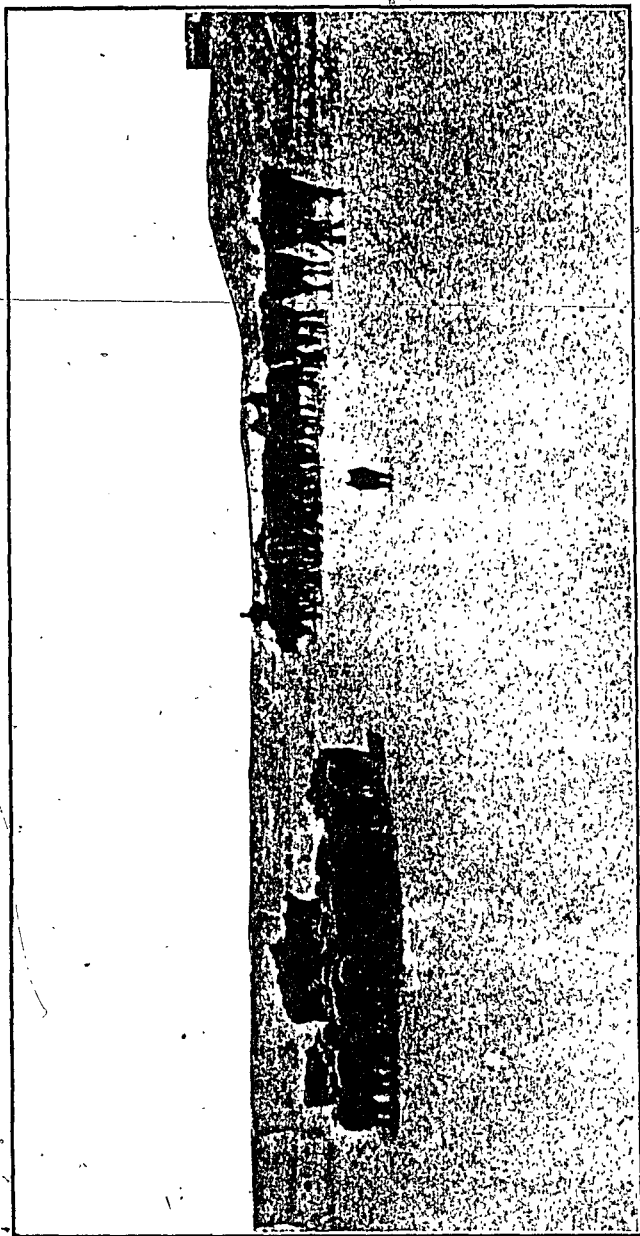
Now, I think the same awaits any man who will stay by his farm, for the farm will surely stand by him; the farmer being the producer can be self supporting.

I am, sir, yours truly,

(Signed) J. C. HILL & SONS.

Lloydminster, Alta., February 11th, 1908.

SIR,—I came to this district late last spring from Sandhurst, Lennox county, Ontario, and while looking around for a suitable homestead,



SHEEP AND CATTLE WINTERING NEAR LLOYDMINSTER

I rented a farm, broke 100 acres and cropped 60 in oats from which I obtained excellent results.

I have 43 cows and young stock, 10 horses, 30 pigs, and a large number of poultry, besides the usual machinery necessary to a farm, and I am making a good living by dairying, the climate being all that can be desired for stock and grain growing.

There is a far better market right here than where I came from in the east, and I consider the prospects for diversified farming to be the very best in Canada, and I am glad I came here.

I shall be only too pleased to answer any questions from prospective settlers and give any further information that may be the means of bringing others to this grand district.

I am, yours faithfully,

(Signed) HUGH HILL.

Lloydminster, Alta., February 12th, 1908.

DEAR SIR,—I should like to add my testimony to others in regard to this district. I had heard considerable about this country and determined to give it a trial, so came up here in 1905 from the Red River Valley, North Dakota. When I came here I was absolutely without capital, but had an outfit worth about \$250. I took up a splendid homestead about 12 miles south-west of the Town of Lloydminster, in the district which my neighbors and myself have named the "Golden Valley."

I have now a good house, stabling, granary, all the machinery required for a farm, 4 horses, 6 head of pure bred shorthorns, 8 head of young cattle, pigs, poultry, etc., and quite a good amount of land all ready for crop in the spring.

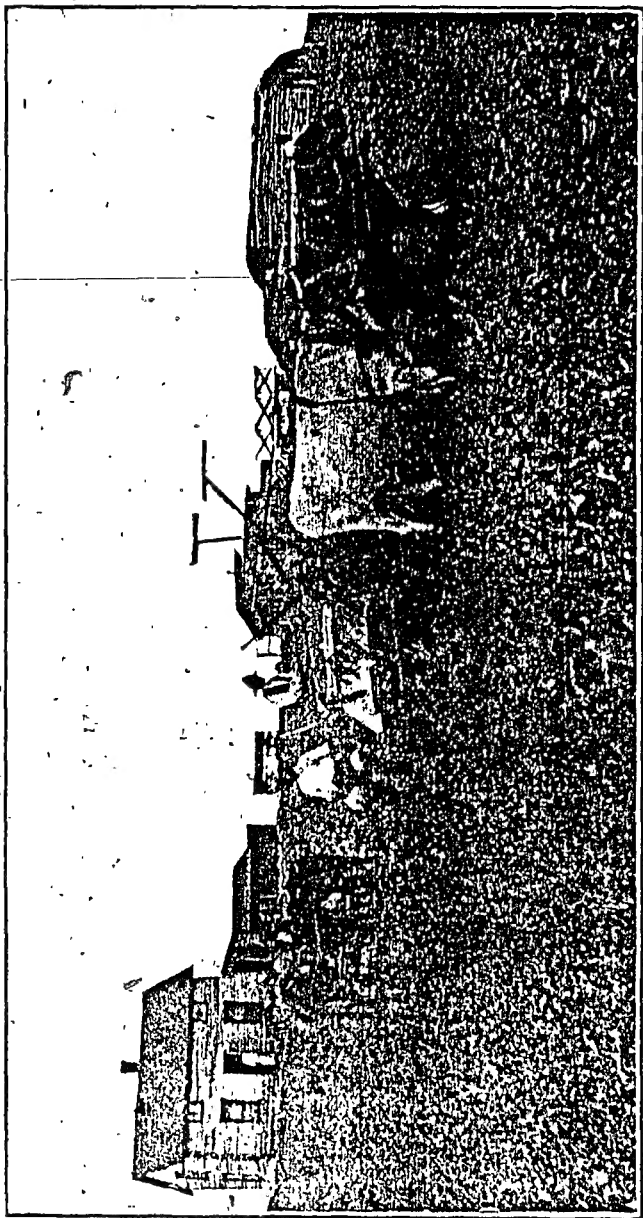
So far as I have seen, I firmly believe this to be the finest mixed farming land in the West, and my only regret is that I did not come out here long before I did.

Yours truly.

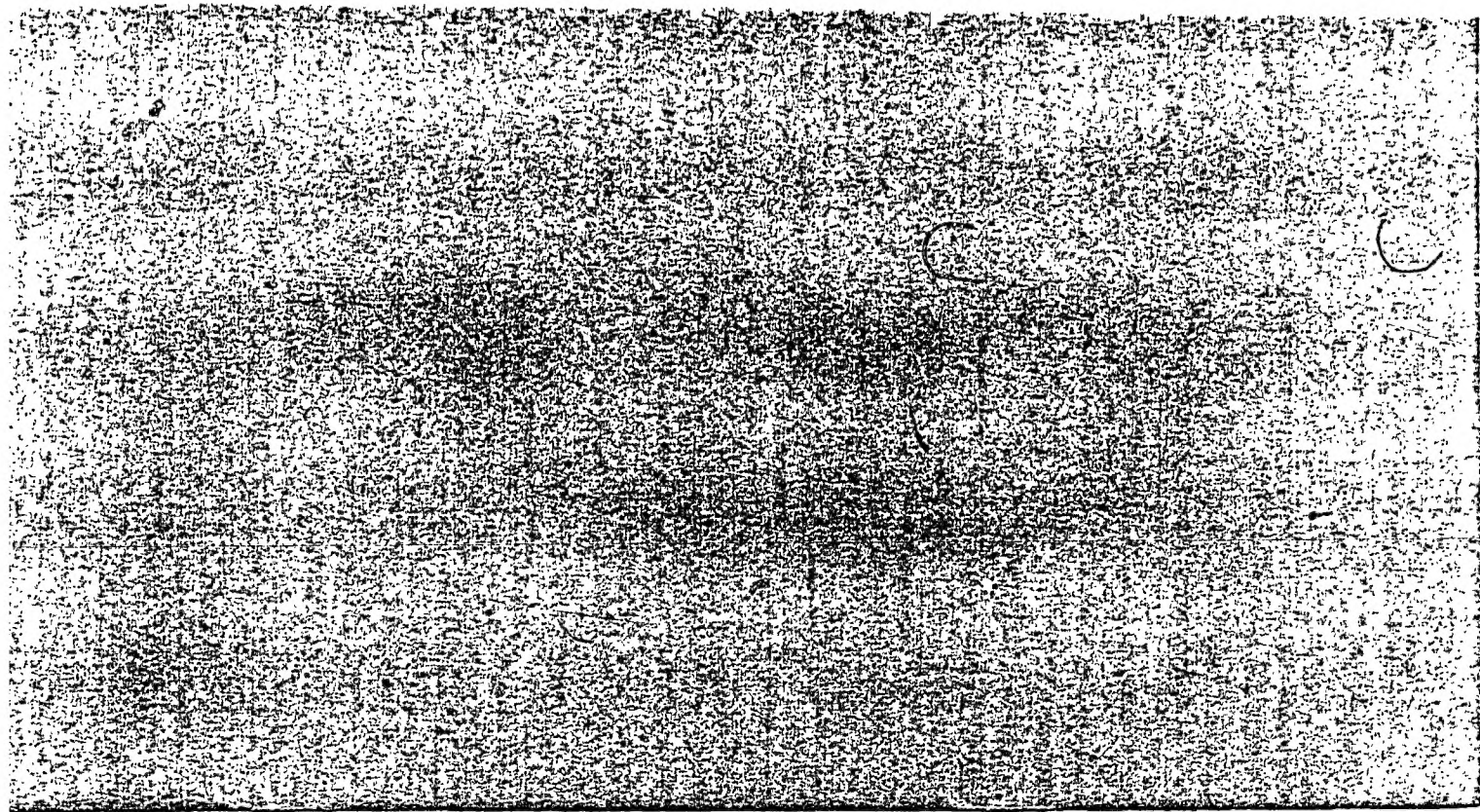
(Signed) D. W. MACKENZIE.

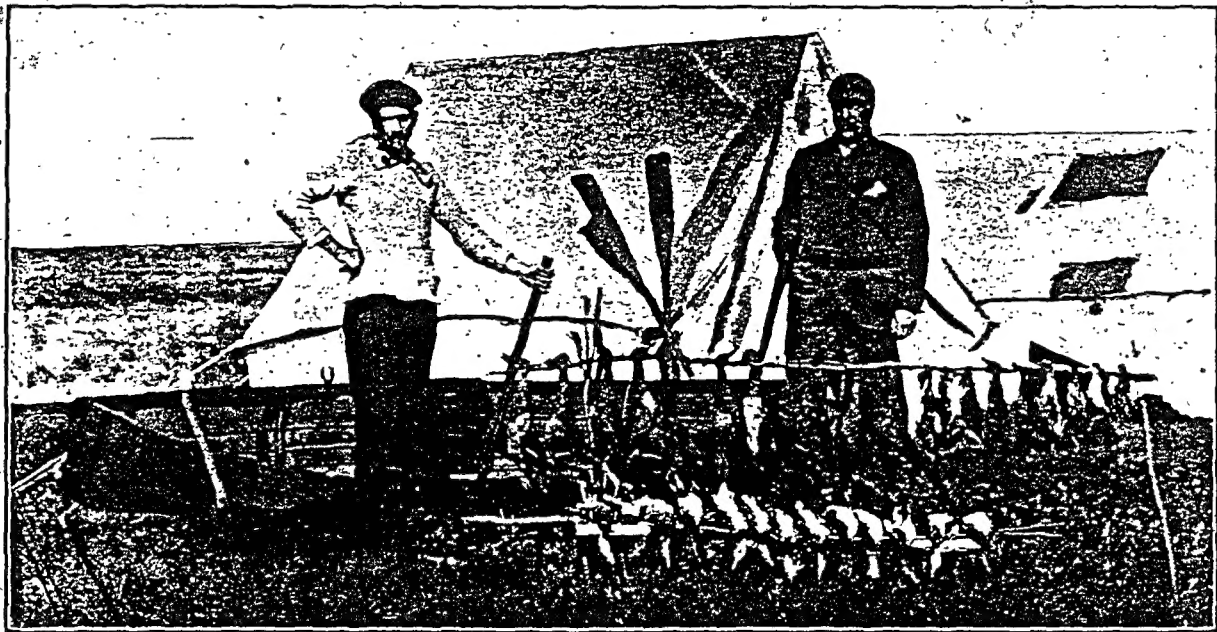


PLOUGHING NEAR LLOYDMINSTER

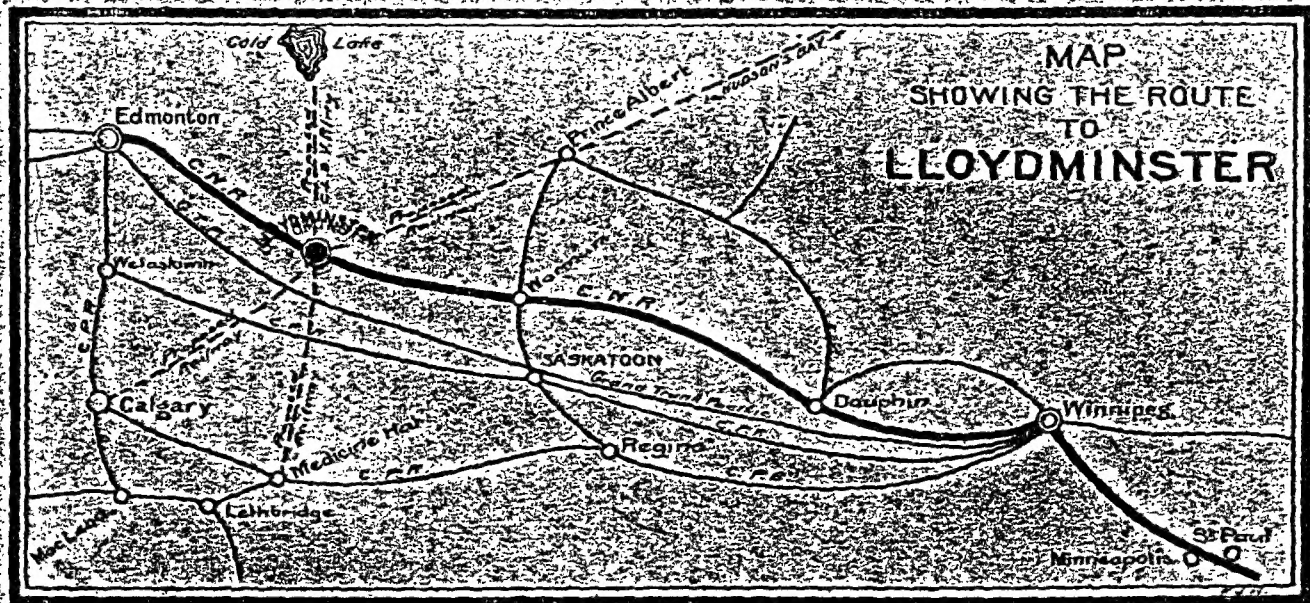


HOMESTEAD OF MR. H. W. PHILLIPS—3 miles from Lloyminster





SPORTSMAN'S CAMP NEAR LLOYDMINSTER



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